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## Art student meets folk musicians-turned-waste pickers; they make music from trash, strum and hum in unison

# TRASH FUNK

## 'Chennadasuru' were traditionally door-to-door performers of devotional folk songs

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An art student along with a community of informal waste pickers in the city crafted a musical instrument and created music from the city's waste.

Vedant Madwadkar, final-year art student at Srishti Manipal Institute of Art, Design, and Technology was among the 14 students chosen to work with the waste picker community as part of the project, 'WastEd'.

The students were tasked to create design and communications-led solutions for economic gain, especially for the women in the community.

The students associated with CARE India, under the Saamuhika Shakti initiative, which looks at livelihood enhancement programmes for the waste pickers.

"While we were surveying the community, we asked the people what the most important asset in their home is and what is closest to them. One of them said it is their father's Tamburica. That was the point when I decided that I wanted to focus on this aspect of their life for my project," Vedant

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**"Madwadkar was fascinated by the observation that the family of migrant waste-pickers had their cultural roots in Bhakti music**

— Junuka Deshpande, faculty member

# High Wheels

## Increase in checkpoints, strict action have more drunk driving cases registered

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After a hiatus of two years, once again police are coming down heavily on tipsy motorists. By August 2022, Bengaluru Traffic Police had already booked as many as 16,416 cases against motorists driving under the influence of alcohol.

As per official data, the total number of cases booked under drunken driving offences in 2021 was 4,144; in 2020 it was 5,343.

According to traffic police officials, the considerable surge in the number of cases of drunk driving offences in 2022 is due to an increase in checkpoints and strict action against drunk drivers.

"Our internal analysis says drunk driving is one of the biggest reasons behind road accidents in the city. Moreover, we have realised that most drunk-driving-related accidents take place during the night. We have increased the number of checkpoints at many vulnerable spots across the city leading to more cases being registered. We are initiating stringent action against those with alcohol levels more than the threshold limit," said a senior traffic police official.

Officials said the crackdown against drunk driving was suspended after the coronavirus pandemic outbreak in 2020, leading to a low number of cases in 2020 and 2021.

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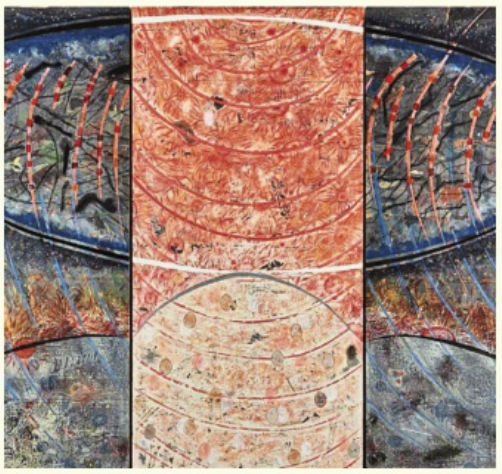

### 01 Artsy affair

White Noise by Svasa is a unique art show that aims to showcase how art can be displayed and enjoyed in a post-pandemic world, by bringing together various multidisciplinary artists.
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If you have recently read a book and want to discuss it then this is the perfect opportunity to meet and discuss your favourite books with fellow book lovers. **When: November 13**
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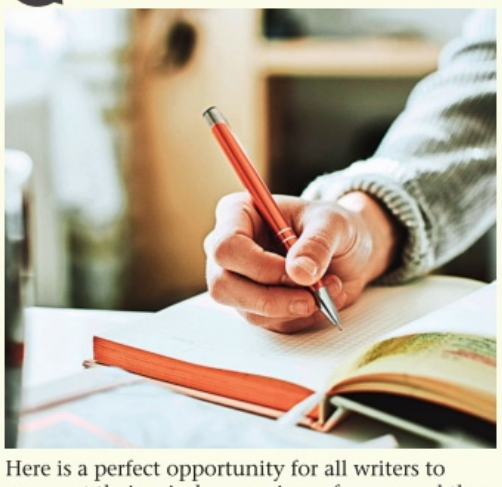

Here is a perfect opportunity for all writers to pour out their minds on a piece of paper and then share it with like-minded people.
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**World Mental Health Day**

# Memories of pandemic still giving us the blues

## No cause for panic, say state health officials; facilities will be extended to all without discrimination

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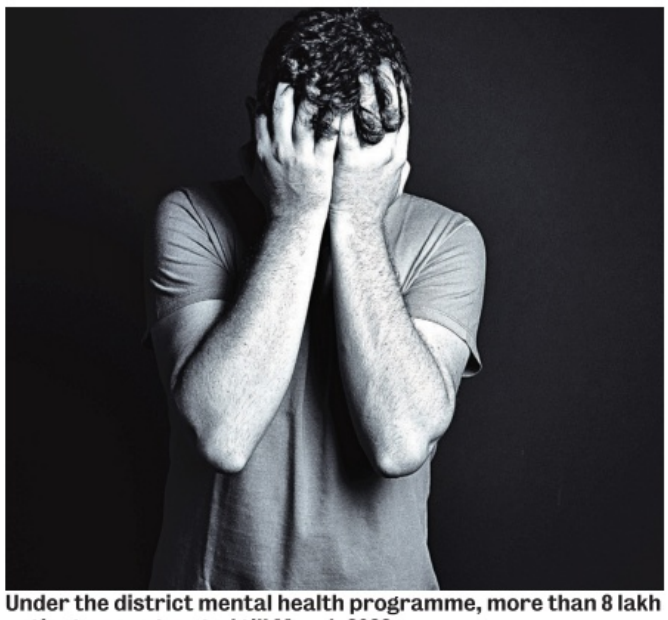

Under the district mental health programme, more than 8 lakh patients were treated till March 2022

Though the number of covid cases has come down in the state, the adverse impact of the pandemic continues to haunt people. The number of people attending Manochaitanya camps, public health programme dedicated exclusively to mental health, has been increasing this year compared with last year.

The state health officials, however, advise people not to panic but treat patients without any discrimination."There is no need for people to panic over the increase in the number of people seeking counselling and treatment for mental health issues. We have made arrangements at various government hospitals not only in Bengaluru but also across the state," said Health and Family Welfare Deputy Director (Mental Health) Dr P Rajani.

Rajani added that the pandemic has affected the mental health of parents and children.

"Mobile phones were given to children to attend online classes during the lockdown. Now, parents are worried about their children's addiction to mobile phones since children can access porn and other unwanted material available online," she said.

### Efforts to reach every patient

She said the department has taken measures to have facilities at all taluks and district hospitals across the state. The State Health and Family Welfare Department have trained 1,663 medical officers, 4,118 paramedical workers, 13,152 teachers working at schools, colleges and Anganwadi centres, 9,895 students of schools and colleges, 3,068 counsellors of KSAPS and WCD, 7,557 police and prisons staff, 1,069 faith healers, NGOs, and elected representatives, 20,247 ASHA workers.

Under the district mental health programme, 8,65,386 consultations were held till March 22 in 2021-22 as against 9,02,040 consultations during the year 2020-21, and 10,63,242 consultations during the year 2019-20. The State Health and Family Welfare Department have facilitated NGOs to open and maintain daycare centres for the recovered mentally ill people in districts such as Bengaluru Rural, Belagavi, Chitradurga, Dharwad, Haveri, Kodagu, Kolar, Mandya, Mysore, Tumkur and Udupi.

The department has provided tele-counselling support to 27,54,498 people across the state as of May 25, 2022. "We have been not only providing treatment but also creating awareness on mental health. The number of people attending Manochaitanya camps is increasing. Earlier, 70 to 80 people used to attend the camp. Now, 100 to 120 people attend the camp. We organise camps at Devanahalli, Doddaballapur, Hosakote, Nelamangala," said Dr DP Girish Kumar.

Manochaitanya, a taluk mental health programme, is a unique initiative of the state government. Under this programme, teams on wheels visit various government hospitals to treat people suffering from mental disorders such as depressive disorders, anxiety disorders, somatoform disorders, epilepsy, and severe mental disorders.

The health and family welfare department has made arrangements to treat mental health patients at government hospitals situated at Anekal, Konanakunte, Gunjur, KR Puram, Kengeri, and Yelahanka in Bengaluru Urban.

"Among the all hospitals, Anekal Government Hospital receives 250 to 300 people suffering from mental health issues. Patients from Denkanikottai and Krishnagiri from Tamil Nadu visit this hospital for treatment," said Dr Chetan Kumar KS.

Meanwhile, BBMP Special Commissioner (Health) Dr KV Thrilok Chandra said that doctors working at BBMP Hospitals have already availed training in counselling.

"All our doctors are trained by experts from NIMHANS. People suffering from mental disorders can visit BBMP Hospitals and avail counselling or guidance from the doctors who will refer the patients, if required, to Manochaitanya camps organised by the State Health and Family Welfare Department," said Dr Thrilok Chandra.

# Curriculums to include cyber security courses soon

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With many falling preys to cyber crime, cyber awareness may soon become a part of college curriculums. As per the plans, students will get to study cybersecurity in their college courses.

Minister for Higher Education Dr CN Ashwath Narayan said, "The State government intends to set up a CERT (computer emergency response team) for effective coordination of responses against cyber incidents. In the post-covid situation as we are moving towards large-scale digital transformation challenges to cyber security are also on the rise. Protecting our IT assets is of paramount importance and the upcoming generation needs to be cyber-sensitive from the student level itself. Hence, several courses related to Cyber Security have been included as part of the curriculum in polytechnic, diploma and engineering." In addition to this, he added cyber awareness will be made part of the curriculum for all students.

The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has already taken a leap in cyber security. According to CBSE officials, digital skills and knowledge are not evenly spread amongst all young people. There is general agreement among those working on cyber safety and security among children and young people that

gender is a major impediment.

Quoting CBSE cyber awareness manual, an official said, "Children and young people have shown greater ability to adapt and adopt digital devices and innovations. However, an assumption is often made that young people have superior skills with digital technology. It may or may not be right. Many young people are confident in using a wide range of technologies and often turn to the internet for information. But the confidence with digital technology can also be misleading." Cyber awareness deals with a host of learning for students such as e-safety.

"As internet-accessible devices are given to people of younger ages, it's important that we're able to protect them from harmful content. This includes cyberbullying, pornography, online exploitation, cyber crimes etc. Sometimes strangers, or even people who are known, try to gain their trust for these purposes. One way to avoid this is to use apps and games that are suitable for your age. These are the valid lessons taught to students as part of the cyber awareness programme," said a CBSE official.

# Magic fails, try the rope trick

**At Cauvery junction underpass, vehicles' rush is such that cops use rope to control traffic. Now among BBMP's many plans to fix the issue, is one to build a flyover in the area**

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The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has new plans to fix the mess at Cauvery junction underpass that has made a mockery of City traffic. BBMP's engineer-in chief BS Prahlad told BM they have decided to decongest the Airport Road.

"We have chalked out short and long term plans. As per the short term plan, we will widen the road to have a uniform carriage way where each side of the road will be three-laned. For this, we have to widen the road by acquiring the nearby land and translocating trees."

However, experts say that this may not solve the traffic mess at the junction because it is caused due to the vehicles moving towards the airport having to take a U-turn on top of the underpass. The situation is so dire that this underpass is probably the only one in the world where traffic police have to use a rope to control the traffic. Prahlad said, "I understand there is a lot of traffic.

Cops have to take a lot of trouble and use a rope to control the traffic. A cop is stationed there who uses a rope to allow the vehicles towards the airport to travel via the U loop. When the congestion is high, he stops the traffic coming from the underpass and then removes the rope to allow the vehicles to travel towards the airport directly."

He said that if the short-term plan doesn't solve the traffic mess, then they will have to construct a flyover that will give a direct access for the airport users to bypass the Cauvery junction underpass traffic. "This will be an alternative in case if a steel flyover doesn't materialise between Chalukya circle and Hebbal," he said.

**Short-term plan is to widen the road and make each side 3-laned and if that too doesn't help then a flyover will be built for those heading to the airport to be able to avoid having to use the Cauvery Junction underpass**

## Story of the magic box

When Bengaluru's airport was moved from HAL to Devanahalli (now Kempegowda International Airport), the BBMP wanted to make the entire stretch signal free. Looking for a quick-fix, the civic agency came up with the so-called 'magic box'. This is where a flyover or an underpass was to be constructed using precast elements within a few days.

And, so, the country got its first 'magic box' at Cauvery junction. Everything was great until BBMP realised at the eleventh hour that it hadn't taken into account BWSSB's water pipelines that run underneath ground zero.

And, so, it was decided that the location of this underpass will be changed. The first magic box gave way to a U-shaped traffic pattern on airport road.

Of course, no 'magic' happened in the streamlining of traffic, but the project certainly added to the confusion. So, from 2008 to 2022, the Cauvery junction underpass has been a laboratory of sorts for BBMP and the city traffic police - both trying out various permutations and combinations to keep the vehicles moving.

First, they tried a signal-free corridor where vehicles heading towards the airport had to take a U turn. However, as the U-turn was narrow, it led to a pile up of traffic.

Then, after years, BBMP decided to close the underpass temporarily and allow one-way traffic. Motorists coming from Sadashivanagar complained of having to take a long detour as they had to go all the way to Mehkri Circle for a U-turn. Then, BBMP closed the underpass citing repair work. Meanwhile, the city traffic police decided to deploy cops to manage traffic.

Then the city police installed a signal as during peak hours, four to five cops had to be deployed to manage the traffic. But, this only led to a different problem, where the pile up on all the roads leading to the junction increased. So, the cops decided to not use the signal and instead use a rope. A rope was tied on two ends of the road. A cop would be using rope to control the traffic. However, motorists complain that there is chaos as they cannot see the rope till the last minute.

Meanwhile, Prahlad said that there was a plan to widen the road near the BDA overpass also.

The BDA flyover is another mess as the narrow flyover is unable to take the load during peak hours. Hence, during peak hours, the traffic police don't allow heavy vehicles which are allowed to pass via the at-grade road. At this junction though there are no ropes, and traffic police use barricades.

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# RINGING IN FESTIVITIES WITH A NEW CAR

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Attracting customers for a hassle-free travel experience in their choicest of cars, automobile giants have announced their festive offers for Diwali. The festive season in India is a major car buying period for the Indian customers. During this period, several car companies tend to roll out their best possible discounts, offers and bumper deals on products to maximise sales. The festive season return best sales figures for car companies in the Indian market.

Car buyers generally want to purchase the latest model available, since the vehicles are the improved versions of their previous models. And luckily, manufacturers typically start introducing their newest cars during the festivals, giving consumers a jump on purchasing. They get a wider variety of car choices available and plenty of options to select from. In addition, consumers get a better chance at finding a car that suits their needs.

A young businessman, Shivam Das shares, "Diwali and its festivities means a great deal to my family, and we start anything new or buy any vehicle during this time only. I have been meaning to get a hatchback for quite some time now and with so many bumper offers coming my way I am even more excited to lay my hands on the new car."

Festive season is important for the automobile industry as they typically account for around 25% of industry's annual sales. During the festive season, customers avail attractive festive discounts on cars. With manufacturers and dealers offering discounts on new cars during festivals, it reduces the overall cost of the vehicle and buyers get to spend savings on essential accessories for their vehicle.

Moreover, customers who already own a car and plan to exchange it for a brand-new vehicle, the festive season is the best time. They get additional exchange bonuses for the used car, which are not always offered during other times. Hence, the chances are high to get a good value for second-hand cars during the festive season. The festival not only brings discounts on new cars but also brings exciting offers on car loans. For someone planning to buy a new car on loan should plan to purchase during festivities. During the festive season, financial institutions and banks come up with easy finance options with flexible tenure, reduced down payment, low-interest rate and zero processing fee. And above all, the festive season is considered an auspicious time for new purchases such as cars, homes, etc making it the best time to bring home a new car.

At the same time, the Indian consumer is now increasingly concerned about how safe a car is. Even though safety was a concern forever, it has been elevated post pandemic and the awareness is here to stay.

Ajith J, finance manager of a well-known auto showroom in Bengaluru, says, "The recent pandemic scare has reminded us of our mortality and brought safety to the forefront of consumers' minds. One more reason why people also wanted to invest in cars, because they didn't want to take public transport when schools and offices reopened."

For this season, many well-known manufacturers have rolled out new products in their SUVs and EV ranges. The car companies are also investing in various TVCs to welcome the festive season and attract as many buyers as they can.

Meanwhile, some automobile giants have rolled out discounted offers in four to five of their most sought-after models, that will include cash benefits, exchange bonus and corporate discounts for the customers.

Nagesh P, Sales Manager of another showroom, shares, "The sales have gone up from the previous year. We did good business from the starting of this year's festivities and Diwali being the prime time of all the sales we are expecting even more numbers. With newer models coming in and as we roll out our bumper sale on five models, it is most likely going to be a great show."

"The exchange period for cars has dropped from six to four years, meaning that people are investing in a car and at the end of four or four-and-a-half years or so. People are looking to upgrade which has increased the demand for vehicles, overall," added Nagesh.

# Safety packed in luxury

SOME OF THE MOST ADVANCED TECHNOLOGIES IN LUXURY CARS MAKE THEM EXTREMELY SAFE WHICH WILL ALSO BE PART OF REGULAR ONES

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Safety is essential in vehicles. Car manufacturers have therefore been continuously working on it and improving the safety of their products. However, some manufacturers have made more significant strides in improving safety features over others. These features are primarily found in luxury cars today. Some of the most cutting-edge technologies go into these to ensure that the drivers and passengers experience all-around safety. We discuss some of these advancements below.

### PROPER GRIP

Electronic Stability Control, also known as the Electronic Stability Program (ESP), is a high-tech staple feature in most luxury cars today. It is quite helpful with control. The program senses any problems with the car's traction and then adjusts it using selective braking appropriate for the situation. This becomes critical when you drive on slippery roads or are taking on a risky corner. Cars maintaining proper grip in dangerous times can prevent fatal accidents. Therefore, this technology is a necessary improvement to vehicles today. We can look forward to it being adopted in other cars.

### EYES FRONT

Cars constantly and unnecessarily using high beams are some of the most dangerous and annoying things on the road. These can irritate the drivers coming from the other side and impair their vision, and cause problems for them. This impairment can result in serious accidents, and the chances become higher when the traffic from the opposite direction is coming fast. High-end car manufacturers have been working on a solution for just such a problem. They have started fitting automatic High-Beam Assist in their vehicles that adjust the headlight intensity after sensing approaching cars.

### QUICK SENSORS

A driver's quick reaction can save them from an accident. The late response, however, can result in one. The car industry has therefore developed Forward Collision-Avoidance Assist systems for this eventuality. These systems employ sensors that look ahead. They detect objects or obstacles and warn the driver on time or put the brakes on if required. Such technology in luxury cars is state-of-the-art and excels in avoiding head-on collisions. This provides an extra layer of safety for all the people inside the vehicle and anyone right in front of it.

### LANE KEEPING

Lane-Keep Assist and Lane Change Assistance Technology is a feature that is making high-end cars much safer than before. These two features use cameras and sensors to help the drivers maintain their lanes and even avoid collision while the lines are being changed. This technology prevents accidents by warning about approaching vehicles approaching from the car's blind spots so that the vehicle does not collide with them. More advanced variants even correct the car lane themselves in case the driver is shifting dangerously.

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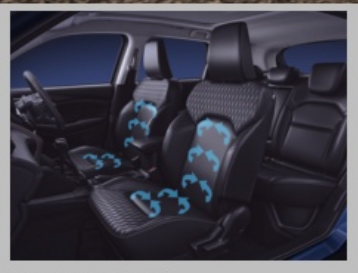

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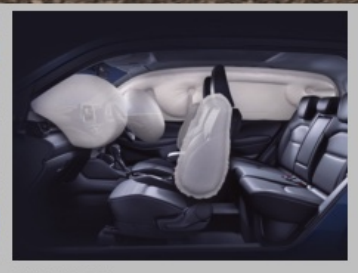

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# Test drives test locals' patience

## Residents of HRBR Layout are concerned about safety risks brought forth by youngsters testing out high-speed vehicles in their area

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**"On a daily basis, we witness several vehicles speeding through the area. Even inexperienced drivers** –Christopher Cruz, resident

HRBR Layout residents complain of speeding test-drive vehicles from showroom centres posing a threat to senior citizens and children alike. Traffic cops say that showrooms have been instructed not to conduct test drives in residential areas, and those failing to comply will be penalised.

Several two-wheelers and four-wheeler showrooms mushrooming near HRBR Layout have posed a grave threat to residents living nearby. They complain that showrooms are giving youngsters between the age of 15-18 years high-speed vehicles for test driving, and they are conducted in residential areas. These high-speed vehicles pose a threat to the safety of residents as well as young riders. A resident of the area, Christopher Cruz, noted that there are quite a lot of showrooms that have cropped up on the service road.

"These showrooms use roads near residential layouts for conducting test drives for their vehicles. On a daily basis, we witness several vehicles speeding through the area. Even inexperienced drivers are given high-speed vehicles for test drives," He added.

Cruz added that just a day ago, he had noticed the showroom dealer had given 19-year-old boys the 600-cc bikes for a test drive, following which he called the Banaswadi Traffic Police to inform them about the issue.

With roads near residential layouts remaining clear of traffic, it provides an incentive for youngsters to take bikes from showrooms and speed through the area. Locals say that in 2021, a speeding vehicle hit a senior citizen in the area and left her unconscious. They urge even vehicle driving institutes to refrain from using the roads.

Another resident, Paul from HRBR Layout said" Even though details of the riders are taken down by the showroom dealers, there must be a designated area for test-driving. People want to test various capabilities and speeds of these vehicles which poses a risk to citizen safety, especially senior citizens. With more youngsters deciding to buy vehicles, quite a lot of people can be seen trying out new vehicles."

Subbaiah, a senior citizen and president of the North East Residents Welfare Association (NERWA), said that he has been getting complaints from residents regarding this.

DCP Traffic East Kala Krishnaswamy said that showrooms have been instructed not to conduct test drives in residential areas. "Service centres/showrooms have been instructed not to allow high-speed vehicles inside these areas. Test drives should be conducted on main roads and within the designated speed limits. As of now, there is no designated space for test driving. If showrooms continue to violate the rule, cases will be booked against them," she said.

# Series of unfortunate events in Kundalahalli

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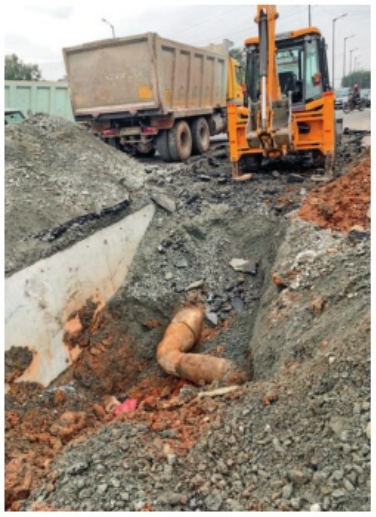
A Cauvery water pipeline broke down near the Kundalahalli gate junction during the wee hours of Sunday, leading to a 'water burst' situation and caving of the road. This also led to congestion.

The 450 mm main pipeline breakdown impacted Cauvery water supply for 24 hours in areas like BEML Layout, AECS layout, Tubrahalli, Munnekolala, Kundalahalli, and Tubrahalli.

The service road had completely sunk in, impacting traffic at Sai Baba temple Road. The reason for the pipeline to have broken down was that it had shifted due to the Kundalahalli Underpass Project Work. The connection point of the new and old pipeline had given way.



Civic agencies fixing the broken Cauvery water pipeline

The pipeline broke down at 3 am and the Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) team, along with Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) officials, reached the location at 4 am to check on the situation. BWSSB Executive Engineer, Anwar Mirza, said, "There was heavy flow of water while the pipelines were joined, and hence it broke. As soon as we got to know it broke, we rushed to the spot and started working on it. The work is almost in the completion stage. After it has been fixed, we will take up refilling and asphalting of the road."

Many of the citizens questioned how a pipeline would breakdown as the road was recently laid.

"We wait many years for completion of critical infrastructure projects built with taxpayer money and we see it break down in months. When will someone be accountable for this and be punished? We won't even be able to get water for a long period of time now," said a resident of Mahadevpura, Anand Gupta.

Mirza said that breakdowns like this generally occur due to wear and tear of pipes, causing a major leakage.

"This road was good only for 3 months, and now, with the disaster caused by various departments, it is in bad shape again. Only patch work will be done, and the road will again start to wear in a year. It's the citizens who keep facing the brunt despite paying taxes," said Rashmi T, a regular commuter.

The pipeline was fixed by Sunday evening.

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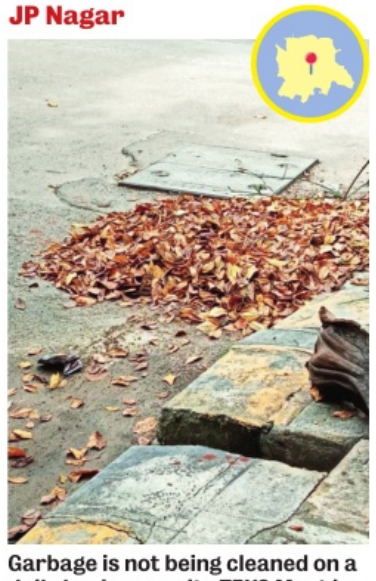
### Incomplete work
**Kengeri**

White topping was done in Kengeri Satellite Town opposite Bethesda Church, but a rough stretch has been left out, causing accidents daily.

### Threat to vehicles
**Rangarao Road**

The drainage chamber on Rangarao Road, Shankarapuram has been damaged for the past 10 days. It is unsafe for commuters.

### Irregular cleaning
**JP Nagar**



Garbage is not being cleaned on a daily basis opposite TEXS Mart in JP Nagar.

# Vanishing act of demolition waste

## Mishandling of Construction and demolition waste in Bengaluru is creating many problems, floods too, say experts

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Earlier this year, a company promoted by a renowned real estate developer decided to demolish seven floors of a building in Koramangala. It was taken up after the High Court found the building in violation of norms imposed by government-owned Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd.

The built-up area of demolished floors was 22,108'08 sqm. Construction debris generated from concrete dismantling was to the tune of 6777 cubic m and 3309.05 cubic m from masonry dismantling. After the demolition, the company reached out to the State Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA) to obtain Environmental Clearance (EC) for modification and expansion. The proceedings of SEIAA's meeting held on June 24, 2022 to issue EC says that the proponent informed the committee that the Construction and demolition (C&D) waste has been handled as per C&D Waste Management Rules. However, ground reality seems to be different.

"We have not received even a single load of C&D waste from the demolition of the establishment in Koramangala industrial layout," said Rajesh Korah, co-owner of the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike's (BBMP) designated processing plants in Chikkajala and Kannur with a capacity of 1750 MT/day. These two plants are the designated sites for the disposal of C&D waste generated within the jurisdiction of BBMP from the construction and demolition work executed by all generators of C&D waste and service providers such as BMRCL, NHAI, Indian Railways, airport authorities, CPWD, GAIL, BBMP, BWSSB, BESCOM, KPTCL, BDA, and PWD.

According to the C&D waste management Rule 2016 and BBMP, the waste generators are supposed to dispose of their waste at facilities in Chikkajala and Kannur by furnishing a copy of the approved C&D waste management plan and by paying a notified service charge of Rs 134 per metric tonne.

"While there is another processing plant in Jigani, it is not a designated C&D plant by BBMP. The Palike has just authorised it to receive the waste for processing and use the end product for its construction projects. We have not built it under the PPP model," said a BBMP official from the Solid Waste Management department. Industry experts say this is not an isolated incident. Korah said that there are several ongoing construction and demolition works by large infrastructure companies such as CPWD, BMRCL, and BIAL, but none are sending any waste to the processing plants. "While BMRCL took C&D waste management plan approval from BBMP and sent a few loads earlier this year, they have now stopped. In July 2022, we received only 20 tonnes of the waste for the whole month, while our capacity is 1750 tonnes/day," he added.

Experts say mishandling and improper management of C&D is one of the main reasons behind the recent floods in Bengaluru.

"While we are blaming BBMP for the issue, we fail to recognise that all large projects in the areas that are prone to flooding have got EC with no clear plan of C&D waste disposal. If SEIAA gives a go-ahead and issues ECs, there is not much that BBMP can do about it," said an industry expert.

A mechanism to collect and transport this waste is missing, said Ram Prasad, co-founder of the proactive citizens' group Friends of Lakes. He also said that there should be at least one aggregation centre every three to four wards to make the system economically viable. Moreover, reuse of recycled material in mainstream construction should be promoted, he added.

"Many big infrastructure developers reach out to us asking for papers which can prove that they have disposed of C&D waste as per the rules. When we ask them to put in writing, so the responsibilities are fixed, we never hear back from them," said a representative of one of the C&D processing units.

# Memoirs of a soldier

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A few veterans of Maratha Light Infantry attended a special event to release a book – A Soldier Remembers – on Sunday afternoon at Rajendra Singhji Army Officers Institute. The book, based on Major Venugopal's memoirs, is being published by his children to honour him on his 100th birth anniversary.

"We thought publishing a book on our father's memoirs would be a good tribute to him," Gayitri HV, the elder daughter of Major Venugopal, said.

A Soldier Remembers offers a window into the life of a young radical in the turbulent 1940s and his transformation into a sterling officer of the Army and Border Security Force. "I was told that my father was very active during the 1940s. He helped people working at Bhadravathi Steel Plant. It is said that he even disconnected telephone lines in protest against British rule," Gayitri said. The book has 33 chapters. Venugopal was born in Hassan in 1923. He was involved in the Quit India Movement.

A few years later, he worked at Itagi and villages in North Karnataka building self-defence units against the Hyderabad forces.

He joined the Indian Army in 1949.

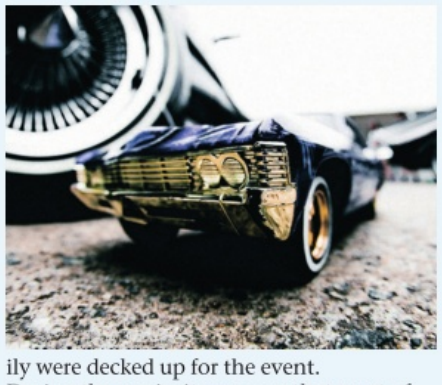
# NOTES FROM THE FIELD

## Don't play favourites

While Mysuru Dasara has concluded, it has had its share of controversies. One of the allegations was that Cooperation Minister ST Somashekar had allocated a majority of Dasara passes for residents of his constituency, Yeshwanthpur. When the scribes quizzed the Mysuru district-in-charge minister over 'favouritism', Somashekar was visibly angry. He instead started questioning journalists whether it was wrong to invite people from his constituency for the programme. Resulting in a heated session, Mysuru MP Pratap Simha tried to take over the mic to answer, but Somashekar was in no mood to listen. He said, "Is there any rule that Yeshwanthpur people should not witness Dasara? Dasara is open to everyone and there is no rule that Yeshwanthpur people should not be invited."

## Mystery Number

Ayudha Pooja is one of the keenly awaited festivals with people cleaning up their automobiles and offering pooja. The same was witnessed at Mysuru Palace too. Many of the vehicles belonging to the Maharaja family were decked up for the event.



During the pooja, it was seen that most of the cars which were used by the Wadiyar family had number plates ending with 1953.

In fact, it is common to see people having their favourite numbers for their personal vehicles. So, when the Wadiyar family was questioned as to why all the cars had the number 1953, they revealed that the last Maharaja Srikantadatta Narasimharaja Wadiyar's birth year was 1953. This is why the registration number was also 1953.

## When Rahul stopped Jairam

Rahul Gandhi is busy walking in the state as part of his Bharat Jodo Yatra. During one of the press conferences, a journalist asked him why he was making jibes against one of the world's richest men, Gautam Adani, when Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot was sharing a dais with him.

Even before the question could be completed, Congress leader Jairam Ramesh stopped the journalist, saying that he will not allow questions to Gandhi other than the Yatra. However, as the reporter persisted, Gandhi intervened and asked Ramesh to back out.

He answered the question by saying that Gehlot had to share the dais for a huge of investment made to Rajasthan, but Gandhi personally opposed monopoly in business.

During the yatra, Gandhi has been a part of viral videos from him tying shoelaces of his mother Sonia to putting a mask on one of the people walking with him.

## 'Take care of parents'

Justice B Veerappa recently paid a surprise visit to Bowring and Lady Curzon hospital, Shivajinagar. During his visit, he took the staff to task for not keeping the premises clean. However, the Chairman of the Karnataka State Legal Services Authority had also a piece of advice for the patients' kin. Justice Veerappa was interacting with a number of patients, and upon seeing a senior patient receiving treatment, he asked people around him whether they were the patient's children.

Later, he advised that parents should be treated well. "Patients don't get treated just by medicines, but need love and care. It is the duty of children to take care of their parents," he said.

## Welcome with caution

The residents of Uttara Kannada district have been making numerous pleas for a multi-speciality hospital in their district. In fact, even during the recent Vidhana Soudha session in Bengaluru, the people's representatives from Uttara Kannada made a request to the government for immediate sanctioning of the hospital.

The residents have come up with a unique campaign to create awareness. Now, posters are being put up across the district, welcoming tourists, but with caution.

"You are welcome to Uttara Kannada, but you need to be extremely careful, as if you fall ill, there are no hospitals nearby. You have to travel a minimum of 150km if you need a hospital. So, your life is in your hands. Take care while you are touring in Uttara Kannada," read the poster.

— Sridhar Vivan

# Drunk driving cases surge

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"Motorists were not being screened for drunk driving during the pandemic. This is yet another reason behind fewer cases registered in 2020 and 2021," said another official.

While the number of cases under offences such as drunk driving, freewheeling and riding on footpaths has gone up this year, cases registered under jumping traffic signals have gone down drastically.

While 89,0466 cases were registered in 2020 under this offence, only 23,2243 such cases have been registered this year. When it comes to overspeeding, a drop of around 40% has been registered in the number of cases booked.

"Most of the cases of jumping traffic signals are registered and fined in contactless mode with the help of traffic cameras.

Over the last year, awareness among the public regarding traffic signal rules has increased considerably. Traffic police personnel have been spreading awareness amongst motorists about these rules during non-peak hours — the results are encouraging. We have around eight interceptors across the city that keep a close eye on overspeeding vehicles. The public is aware of this and has probably turned cautious," said the official.

Data showed that the number of cases of reckless driving has reduced too. While 12,388 cases of reckless driving were booked by the traffic police in 2020, only 7,972 cases have been booked so far in 2022.

# HC: DNA mismatch won't absolve crime accused

The Karnataka High Court has said that non-matching DNA samples would not absolve a crime accused since it is only corroborative evidence.

The court rejected the petition of a 43-year-old bus conductor who is accused of raping and impregnating a 12-year-old relative.

He rushed to the High Court, seeking quashing of the case after a DNA test showed that his blood sample and that of the foetus did not match.

The accused is a resident of Mysuru. He has been charged under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act and Indian Penal Code (IPC).

The complaint was filed by the mother of the victim on February 19, 2021. The bus conductor is alleged to have sexually abused the girl due to which she became pregnant. **PTI**

# Yellow alert for Bengaluru

The Met department has issued a yellow alert for Bengaluru Urban and Rural districts for the next two days. A Meteorologist from the IMD said, "The yellow alert has been issued for three days in Bengaluru City starting from Sunday.

On Sunday Begaluru reported 28 degree Celsius and the minimum temperature was 21 degree Celsius. So far, the City has received 29 mm of rainfall as against the 77 mm of average rainfall. The city will have cloudy skies with light to moderately heavy showers for the next two days and the temperature will hover between 26 and 20 degree Celsius respectively." He said that overall the monsoon is weak all over the State.


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# Music recycled at garbage heaps

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Madwadkar told Bangalore Mirror.

Madwadkar discovered that a community of waste pickers — 'Chennadasuru' — were traditionally door-to-door performers of devotional folk songs or bhakti geete. However, for employment opportunities, they left their age-old profession and started working as waste pickers.

Waste picker Devanna, a singer formally educated in music, partnered in Madwadkar's project — they even made a tamburi from discarded paint cans. Devanna sang and played the harmonium too.

The livelihood initiative called 'Laya' will now enable the community to earn an additional income through making and selling musical instruments such as tamburis, kanjiras and shakers from waste, while also helping the community reconnect with their traditional profession and developing a sense of pride towards where they came from.

Saamuhika Shakti is a collective impact initiative where seven organisations have joined forces to enable waste pickers to have greater agency to lead secure and dignified lives, with a specific focus on gender and equity. This project is initiated and supported by the H&M Foundation. It looks at various aspects like sanitation, employment, education and so on with regard to the waste picker community.

"We are actively looking for employment and entrepreneurship for the men and women in the informal waste picker community. There are around 22,500 informal waste pickers in Bengaluru who live on the margins; they do not have access to many facilities like clean drinking water, toilets, and such. Most of these people do not have Aadhaar cards; so, they cannot even avail many of the government benefits," said Zibi Jamal, communications director, Saamuhika Shakti.

Project 'WastEd' was a part of the choices for the fourth-year students for their final projects and thesis at the institute — students attended workshops held for waste pickers, took part in collective meetings, and followed individual waste pickers to understand their work and challenges for over four months.

"The students deep-dived into the context with several research tools before arriving at creative ideas and suggestions. They used participatory mapping, life stories of community members, and observational research to arrive at insights that helped to build their creative ideas... Vedant Madwadkar was fascinated by the observation that the family of migrant waste-pickers had their cultural roots in Bhakti music. He decided to work with them to make musical instruments out of waste and in the process make this invisible reality visible through their performances," said Junuka Deshpande, a faculty member. Other projects by the students included one on improving financial literacy among the community pursued by visual communication student, Daraab.

The project created many activities out of easily accessible waste material such as plastic bottle caps, pebbles, sticks and sheets. Another student, Ritu, found out about the thread waste from the weavers' community that could be used to make contemporary jewellery with the participation and training of the women in the community.

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# Mother's love

## Study finds that mothers who recognise others' happiness are more responsive to their infants in first months of life

Eyes wide, a baby reaches for a toy. Her caregiver, sensing her interest, brings the toy within her grasp.

"Ga!" the baby exclaims, and her caregiver responds, "Yes!"

When the baby fusses, her caregiver rubs her back until she calms. The baby smiles, and her caregiver smiles back, in a moment of what psychologist Mary Ainsworth called "mutual delight."

This is the dance of an infant and responsive caregiver. These "serve-and-return" interactions are critical for babies' development. But for caregivers, becoming a responsive dance partner can be challenging, and researchers are eager to uncover the skills that help these interactions flourish.

At the University of Virginia BabyLab, my colleagues and I explore the early experiences and brain processes that lay the groundwork for infants' emerging social capacities – including experiences with caregivers.

In a new study, published in the journal Emotion, we followed 120 mothers and babies over the first five months post-birth. We found that being emotionally perceptive, or able to identify others' emotional states from their facial expressions, is a key predictor of sensitive caregiving – the serve-and-return behaviours that make a responsive dance partner.

In the first weeks after birth, we showed mothers a series of adult strangers' faces that changed from a neutral expression to one of six emotions: happiness, fear, sadness, anger, disgust or another neutral face. Their job was to identify which emotion they were seeing and to do it as quickly as possible. This is no easy task, and when we calculated how accurate mothers were, we saw a wide range of performance, indicating that some had a harder time recognizing certain emotions.

A few months later, we invited the same mothers and their 5-month-olds into a playroom and asked them simply to "play with your child as you normally would" for five minutes. From videos of their interactions, we were able to observe how each caregiver responded to her infant's signals.

For many, the interaction was smooth, like a good conversation. Even when these babies cried or acted "difficult," their mothers' attuned responses quickly helped the babies settle and return to the important business of play. For others, the interaction was a struggle. Some mothers tried to control or interrupt their babies' play until the baby became still and withdrawn, while others ignored their babies' bids for comfort and connection.

> **Being emotionally perceptive, or able to identify others' emotional states from their facial expressions, is a key predictor of sensitive caregiving**

When we looked at mothers' performance on the emotion perception task together with their behaviour toward their infants, we found that a mother's ability to recognize happiness specifically – but not other emotions like fear or sadness – predicted how sensitive and responsive she was when interacting with her baby four months later.

It wasn't that sensitive mothers expressed more happiness toward their babies – they weren't any more "smiley" than average. Rather, they were uniquely good at perceiving others' positive emotion. It's possible that the ability to recognize happiness in others generally allows mothers to better sense their babies' happiness specifically and respond accordingly. Thus, emotion perception skills may be an important hidden strength supporting sensitive care in the first months of a baby's life.

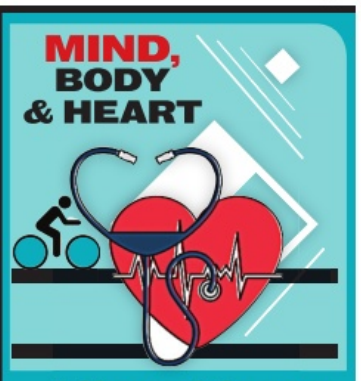
What's especially fascinating is that sensitive mothers were more perceptive of positive emotion measured using images of adult strangers. We can only speculate that mothers' perceptual abilities might translate to recognizing their own infants' emotions, which may help them respond sensitively to their babies' emotional signals.

### More to explore

Our study included mothers during only one short play session with their infants. It remains to be seen whether our results will be similar or different for fathers, in other cultures or in more stressful contexts. For instance, it's possible that recognising negative emotions – like fear or sadness – matters more for caregivers' responses when their babies are upset or stressed. We hope to study these possibilities in the future.

Sensitive and responsive interactions with caregivers are critical for building babies' brains and forecasting later social skills and even physical health. The findings provide support for programs that build caregivers' emotional skills, including the ability to recognize others' joy. Understanding the emotional intelligence skills that support sensitive caregiving can help inform early interventions to foster healthy, secure parent-child relationships.

*- By Jessica A Stern, Postdoctoral Research Fellow in Psychology, University of Virginia (The Conversation)*




## All problems solved

*Dear Coleen*

**I'm a woman aged 31 and I had a baby 18 months ago with my ex. We had been friends for years, but we only dated properly for a few weeks before splitting up, and then I discovered I was pregnant.**

**We decided to go ahead with having the baby and support each other, but we wouldn't be together romantically. He's still single, as am I, and I think he would like to be more than friends and co-parents. But I realised when we were together that I just didn't fancy him enough, even though I love him as a person.**

**My dilemma is, I'd like to have another baby and complete my family before I go back to working full time, but I don't have a partner or the time to find one! I've been thinking about asking my ex if he's keen on the idea of having a brother or sister for our daughter and we could carry on the way we are, but just with another child in the mix.**

**I haven't mentioned the idea to my ex yet, but I'm pretty sure he'll be keen.**

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I think you'd have to make it crystal clear from the off that romance is not on the cards now or in the future. But will he believe you or will he keep hoping that you'll be a couple again at some point?

I do worry for him a little, whereas you seem to have a pretty pragmatic attitude. There's nothing else in this for you apart from friendship and co-parenting, but it might be harder for your ex if he wants more.

Imagine you do start dating someone special – how will your ex take it?

Will he be heartbroken or jealous? Will it affect your friendship?

You need to work through the pros and cons – it's great to have a sibling for your daughter and wonderful for your families, but what impact will another child have on your lives?

**–Coleen Nolan, Daily Mirror**

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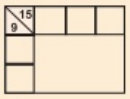


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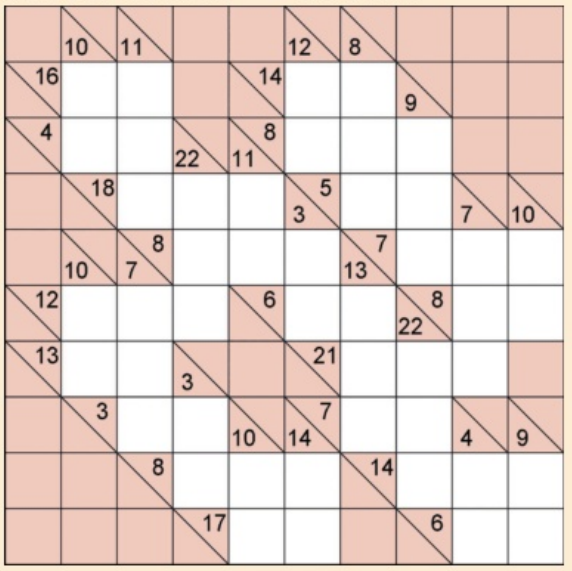

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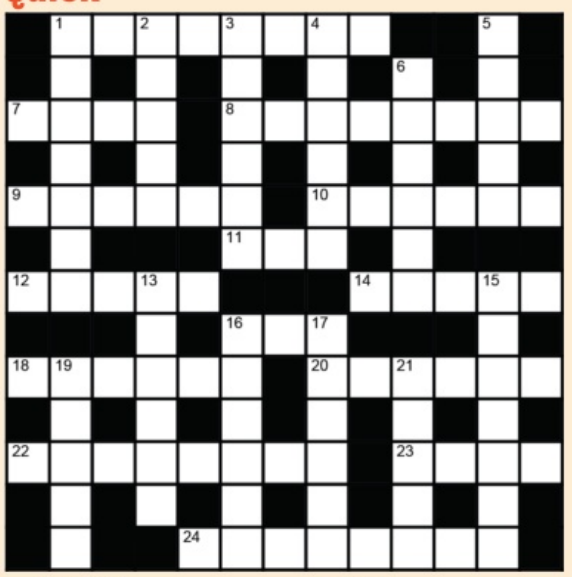

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24 Sluggish inactivity (8)

**DOWN**

1 Violinist (7)
2 Craze or madness (5)
3 Baltic state, capital Riga (6)
4 Turkish city (6)
5 Dairy topping (5)
6 French fries ingredient (6)
13 Not present (6)
15 Bondage, drudgery (7)
16 Circulate socially (6)
17 Shortage (6)
19 Hard work (5)
21 Put off until later (5)

## Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

**Today's CLUE: K EQUALS G**

MDTABEF QDEXZYE MAIBSDSK DC IMQIFC DS OABDM; MAIBSDSK QDEXZYE MDTABEF DC IMQIFC DS HIDS.

**Linemaro**

It's girls such as you that cause global warming

**Mindchow**

Never laugh at your wife's choices. You are one of them

**Joke of the day**

Sandy: Why you removing battery from alarm clock? Dandy: I want to extend its life. I put it only when I want to see the time

## Loop

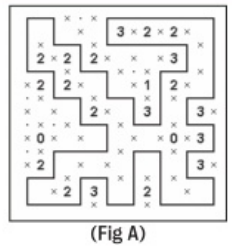
### Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

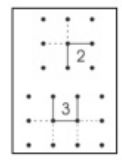
### How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

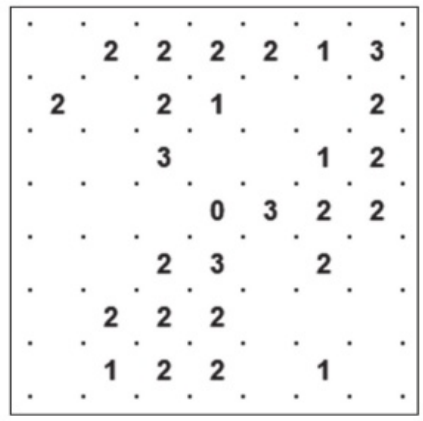
Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



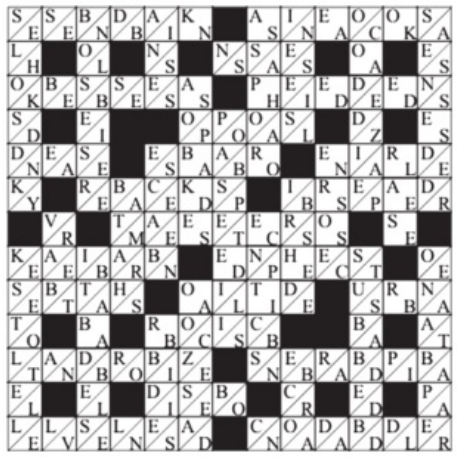
(Fig A)



(Fig B) Not Allowed



## Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

## Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...

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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 M | 5 |
| 6 | | | | |
| 7 | | | | |
| 8 | | | | |
| 9 | | | | |

**ACROSS**

1 Shema; 6 Iliac; 7 Tra-la; 8 A home; 9 Up Rod

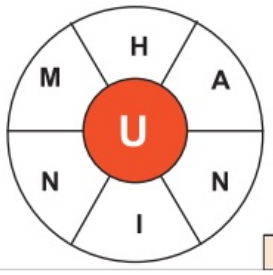
**DOWN**

1 Camps; 2 R Hail; 3 Loath; 4 Ma IOU; 5 A deer

## Mensapuzzle

Look at lines both across and down and work out which number should replace the question mark.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 8 | 3 | 4 |
| 9 | 4 | 6 |
| 12 | 2 | ? |




## Bull's eye

How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

**01** Average; **02** Good; **03** Outstanding

## SudokuChallenge

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| | 9 | 3 | | 6 | | 2 | 1 | |
| | 1 | | 6 | | 5 | | 9 | |
| | | 5 | 7 | | 2 | 3 | | |
| 6 | | | | | | | | 1 |

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

## Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

**Easy** = 15

7 7 7 8

**Medium** = 17

1 2 5 8

**Hard** = 1

1 5 8 4

## Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

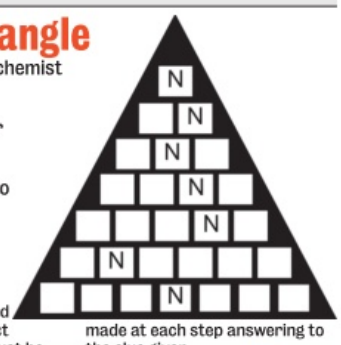
**Differences:** 1. Word on hood is moved. 2. Arm is moved. 3. Window is missing. 4. Belt on woman's coat is higher. 5. Hand is different. 6. Steering wheel is not showing.

## Riddler

I have branches, yet I have no leaves, no trunk, and no fruit. What am I?

## Alpha triangle

1 Nitrogen for the chemist
2 Not off
3 Single
4 Ice-cream holder
5 Hag
6 Concert bonus
7 Retired tennis pro




Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.


DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

# COMICS

## Redeye by Mel Casson

GET UP, MINNIE! IT'S MORNING AND LAST NIGHT'S WILD PARTY IS OVER!
WHAT MAKES YOU SO SURE I WENT TO A WILD PARTY LAST NIGHT?
...AND WHY SHOULD I GET UP? IT'S STILL DARK!
7-25

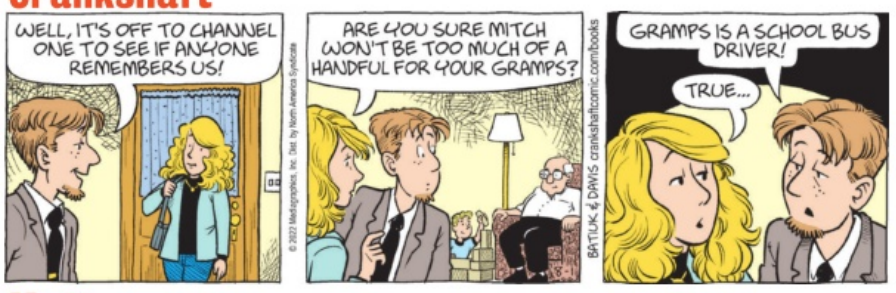
## Bizarrotrip

## Diamond Lil

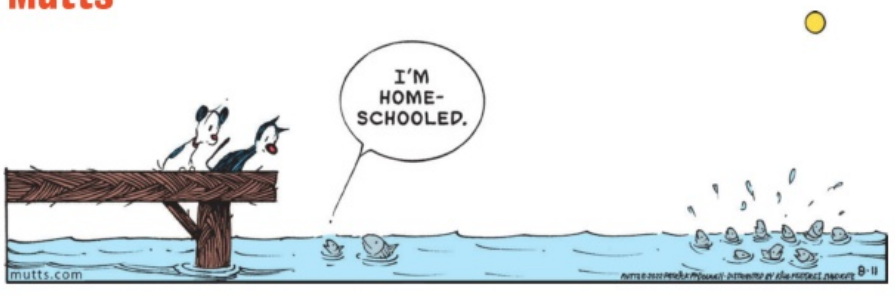
## Hart of the city

MY OLDER SISTER, CELESTE, STARTED HER PERIOD LAST YEAR.
I TOOK IT UPON MYSELF TO LEARN FROM HER! YOU HAVE SO MANY OPTIONS, KAT! PADS, TAMPONS, MENSTRUAL CUPS, PERIOD UNDIES...
CHARLOTTE! FOCUS! I NEED TO GET OUT OF HERE!!

## Crankshaft


WELL, IT'S OFF TO CHANNEL ONE TO SEE IF ANYONE REMEMBERS US!
ARE YOU SURE MITCH WON'T BE TOO MUCH OF A HANDFUL FOR YOUR GRAMPS?
GRAMPS IS A SCHOOL BUS DRIVER!
TRUE...

## Mutts




# WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

**Aries** Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today you must control your way of speaking. You should be careful in terms of hidden enemies and opponents. You may be a victim of conspiracy. It is advised to avoid investments in risky assets. You must avoid lending money to anyone as it may not be recovered easily. It is advised to do meditation and yoga to come out from stress.

**Taurus** Apr 21 – May 20
Today you will be a victim of negative thoughts. Impatient nature and arrogance will push you back from making tough decisions. You will be in need of help from your elders, which will help you to grow into your work front. You should avoid investments in dead assets. Lovebirds must avoid discussing bad moments.

**Gemini** May 21 – Jun 21
Today you are in a winning position from your opponents and hidden enemies. Your money which was stuck somewhere may be recovered today. You may perform your best at work. It is an important day for lovebirds and singles to make important decisions in terms of marriage.

**Cancer** Jun 22 – July 23
Today is a good day for you. Last week's crunches are over now. You may initiate your postponed projects. You may get rewards for your hard work, which may boost your confidence. There are some gains in your business which may boost your finances. Those related to export and import, fashion, dairy products may do better.

**Leo** Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today you may feel dull and could have health issues. Overworking your mind can make you tired. It may affect your domestic harmony. You may arrive late to some social or family get-together. Losses may be possible in business, so it is advised not to invest. Lovebirds must avoid being involved in controversies.

**Virgo** Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today you are blessed by the moon. You can make new plans in terms of business, and your colleagues may be with you to implement those plans. You may recover stuck money from your clients, which may boost liquidity in business. After late evening, you may feel some depression. This could affect sound sleep.

**Libra** Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today you have control over your opponents and hidden enemies. Decisions in legal matters may come in your favour. Your seniors may be happy because of your hard work. You may get new responsibilities in terms of promotion. Singles may find their soulmate.

**Scorpio** Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today you may be happy. You may plan to buy some creative items which will improve your lifestyle. You may also spend money on your friends and family members. You may plan to make investments in assets. Singles may find a good match. Lovebirds will enjoy important moments.

**Sagittarius** Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today you may be in search of peace of mind. The moon's blessings will help you to focus on yourself. Investments in property and other assets are not advised at the moment. You may have some happy moments in your domestic life. Avoid arrogance and ego with your spouse. Disputes with business partners are likely to be resolved.

**Capricorn** Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today you may be polite with the people around you. Many problems are likely to be resolved due to your way of speaking. There may be some control between your savings and expenditure, which may boost your savings. You may spend money on buying some creative items to renovate your house.

**Aquarius** Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today you advised to control your way of speaking in the family as your loose talking may affect domestic harmony. You may spend your hard-earned money on buying some worthless items to maintain your social status. It is advised to not keep your money loose in the pocket. You may face problems related to your ears, tooth, and throat if you are not careful.

**Pisces** Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today is a good day for you. You have good vitality and health. You may enjoy your work and domestic life may also be good. Healthy partnerships will give you benefits in terms of business. Job seekers will find suitable work. Lovebirds should avoid discussions on self respect.

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# SOLUTIONS

**SOLVE IN 1M**
$=3^4+\sqrt{729}-3^3$
$=3^4+2^7-2^1$
$=3^4+1$
$=81+1$
$=82$

**RIDDLER** A bank

**QUOTE UNCODE**
Liberty without learning is always in peril; learning without liberty is always in vain.

**FAST FIVE**

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**BULL'S EYE** human, INHUMAN, unman

**STRIKE OUT**

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**QUICK**

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**MENSA PUZZLE**
4: in each row and column in order to arrive at the final number multiply the first two numbers together and divide by 6.

**SUDOKU**

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| 1 | 7 | 6 | 2 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 8 | 9 |
| 8 | 9 | 3 | 4 | 6 | 7 | 2 | 1 | 5 |
| 2 | 1 | 8 | 6 | 3 | 5 | 7 | 9 | 4 |
| 9 | 4 | 5 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 6 | 8 |
| 6 | 3 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 4 | 5 | 2 | 1 |

**ALPHA TRIANGLE**
N, On, One, Cone, Crone, Encore, McEnroe.

**GO FIGURE**
Easy
$7 - 7 + 8 + 7 = 15$
Medium
$2 \times 5 - 1 + 8 = 17$
Hard
$4 + 5 - 8 / 1 = 1$

**LOOP**

**KAKURO**

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# It's twins

After dating for over six years, Nayanthara and Vignesh Shivan got married in June. Now, the couple is blessed with twin boys. Vignesh Shivan took his Twitter to announce the news of turning into parents, and wrote that "Nayan & Me have become Amma & Appa We have blessed with twin baby Boys All Our prayers, our ancestors' blessings combined with all the good manifestations made, have come 2gethr in the form Of 2 blessed babies for us Need all ur blessings for our Uyir& Ulagam".

Vignesh Shivan has also shared the first pictures of the twin babies, and the director and the actress were seen sharing their joy for the little ones. Wishes start to pour in for Nayanthara and Vignesh Shivan after the announcement, and the pictures go viral.

There is specualtion that the couple opted to give birth to babies via surrogacy.

On the work front, Nayanthara is part of multiple films, and she is also making her Bollywood entry with 'Jawan' opposite Shah Rukh Khan. Vignesh Shivan is announced to direct Ajith's 62nd film, and the director is busy with the film's pre-production work. **—ETimes**

# Mom's the word

## Deepika thanks mum for identifying symptoms of depression in her

Deepika Padukone is just back from the Paris Fashion Week. The actress was in Paris with her parents Prakash and Ujjala Padukone, as she's the brand ambassador of Louis Vuitton. The actress is quite close to her parents and recently in an interview she's also thanked her mother for identifying the signs and symptoms of her depression.

In an interview with NDTV, Deepika has admitted that she wouldn't know what state she'd be in today, if her mother had not identified her symptoms. DP said that her mother saw her in a moment of vulnerability and had the presence of mind to tell her that she should reach out to professionals for help. Her mother was also her caregiver and Deepika doesn't know what she would do if her mom had not suggested to take professional help.

The actress further added that her mother was ensuring that she was regular with her treatment, consultations with doctors and that also takes a toll on the caregiver.

Deepika had opened up about her battle with depression in 2015 and started the 'Live Love Laugh' foundation to help others who're dealing with it. The actress has come out of it with the support of her family and professionals now.

Meanwhile, Deepika will be seen next in 'Pathaan' alongside Shah Rukh Khan which is set to release in January 2023. She's also having other interesting projects like 'Fighter' with Hrithik Roshan lined up. Rumours are abuzz that Ranveer and Deepika have been roped in for 'Brahmastra Part Two' but the makers are yet to give an official confirmation. **—ETimes**

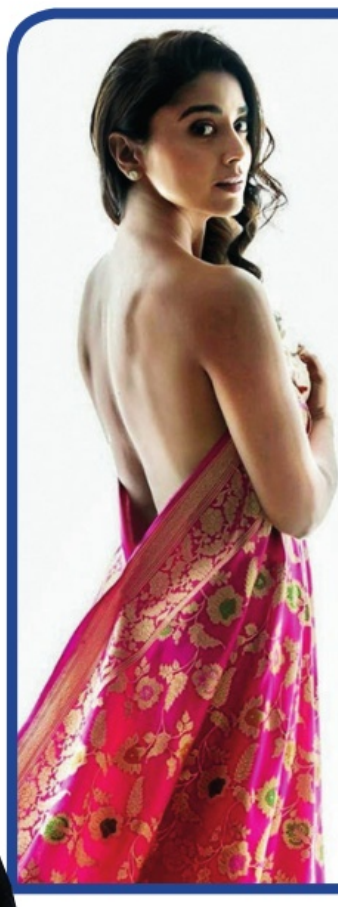
# Lose control

Actor Jennifer Lawrence recently confessed that she "lost a sense of control" after the success of the first 'Hunger Games' film in 2012 and winning Oscar for 2012's 'Silver Lining Playbook'.

"I think I lost a sense of control. Between 'The Hunger Games' coming out and winning the Oscar, I became such a commodity that I felt like every decision was a big, big group decision. When I reflect now, I can't think of those following years, just a loss of control," Jennifer said.

Jennifer opened up about it while talking to Francine Stock about her career as part of the London Film Festival's 'Screen Talk' series, according to the reports.

She went on to explain how she feels she has clawed her identity back again. "It feels personal for me the first time in a long time," she said. Since her breakthrough role in 2010's 'Winter Bone', Jennifer was seen in 'X-Men' franchise, Darren Aronofsky's 'Mother!,' David Russell's 'Joy' and 'American Hustle' and Adam McKay's satire 'Don't Look Up'. **-ANI**



# Diva of style

**Whether it be traditional or modern, Shriya Saran sure knows how to rock every look she adopts. Here we pick our top favourites**

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## Good luck from PM

**Puneeth Rajkumar in Gandhada Gudi**

Power Star Puneeth Rajkumar's Gandhada Gudi has got a big thumbs-up from Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who said on Twitter that Appu lives in the hearts of millions around the world. "He was brilliance personified, full of energy and blessed with unparalleled talent. Gandhada Gudi is a tribute to Mother Nature, Karnataka's natural beauty and environmental conservation. My best wishes for this endeavour," the Prime Minister said.

Ashwini Puneeth Rajkumar released the trailer of Gandhada Gudi on Sunday morning at Narthaki theater in Bengaluru. If all goes well, the movie directed by Amoghavarsha is scheduled for release on October 28.

Ashwini, on twitter, described Sunday as an emotional day as she was releasing the trailer. "Namaste@narendramodi avare, Today is an emotional day for us as we are releasing the trailer of GandhadaGudi, a project close to Appu's heart. Appu always cherished the interactions with you & would have loved to share with you in person," she said.

Gandhada Gudi promotes the state's biodiversity, forests, and natural habitat. The highlight of the movie is Puneeth Rajkumar exploring underwater life in the Arabian Sea.

## This happened for real

**Muhurat function of Shabash Baddi Magne**

Pramod Shetty, who began his career as a character artiste in Sandalwood with Ulidavaru Kandanthe in 2014, is all set to create a hat-trick as a hero. His latest movie in a lead role is Shabash Baddi Magne. Its muhurat function was held at Sri Kanteerava Studios. Actor-cum-producer Ajay Rao sounded the clap board.

According to director Sa Ra Hareesh, the film's story is based on a real incident in Chikkamagaluru Rural Police Station jurisdiction in 1980. "My friend Sadashiva Hiremath was the police inspector when the incident took place. I decided to make a movie on that incident. The inspector encouraged me but he died on duty nine years ago due to some health issues. I am happy to realise my long-pending dream of making this movie," said Hareesh.

Why did he zero in on Pramod? "Earlier, I wanted Jaggesh to play the lead but changed my decision. Later, I thought Pramod Shetty would be apt to play the lead. He looks like my friend Sadashiva," said Hareesh. The movie will have all ingredients such as romance, mystery and comedy but no stunt scenes.